

[PRICE \$24 PER MONTH]

## Intimations

YATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW.  
Steamship.

"YESSO."  
Ashton, will be despatched for the  
route on WEDNESDAY, the 9th inst.,  
at 10 A.M.

Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS TAYBARK & Co.,  
Hongkong, 4th January, 1875.

TO LET.  
A House for occupation on the 1st February next.  
First-class Detached PREMISES  
situated on Marine Lot 22 on the Praya  
and at present occupied by Messrs. BOUR-  
NEVILLE, consisting of DWELLING HOUSE,  
KITCHEN, FRONTS the Sea, and GO-  
vernment Capacity in the rear.  
Apply to  
T. G. LINSTED.  
Hongkong, 4th January, 1875.

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Le procéde le Samedi 9 Janvier courant,  
au heurs et deme de l'Apré-midi, à la  
Cour de Commerce de France de Hong-  
Kong l'adjudication de la fourniture, 19

vières 35. Du charbon de terre, nécessaire pour la cuisson des aliments, est en abondance à Hongkong. Les conditions de ces fournitures sont à la Chancellerie du Consulat, qui se doit de donner les renseignements nécessaires pour prendre connaissance des conditions de ces négociations, présentées sous la sanction du Gouvernement, devant toutes les autorités locales, et surtout au rabier des charges, et mentionner auxquels ils ont consenti et fournir les matériaux nécessaires.

Hongkong, Janvier 4, 1875.

POSTED immediately an Experienced PORTUGUESE CLERK, must write hard, and bare some knowledge of the General Office Work, to be addressed "X. Y." will be received at of this Paper.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1875.

FOR SALE,  
WATER TANKS of 150, 250, and 350 gallons each.  
WOODEN WATER TANKS of 800, 600, and 400 gallons each.  
IRON WATER TANKS.  
AND FOR berths in Passenger Ships.

SCREW NAILS  
PANS:  
SA. FRANKS &

Further Particulars apply,  
at Hongkong, to A. ASTORQUIA,  
Queen Street.

acao, to . . . F. M. E.  
No. 4



**DEPARTMENT CONTRACT.**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**

Reference to my Advertisement dated 21st December, 1874—FRESH (in duplicate) are again required for Works to be executed in IMPROVING DRAINAGE OF MORRIS PARK, and will be in this Office up till Noon of the 1st January, 1875,—

desiring to tender for the Execution Works must leave their Names and

hours of 10 A.M. and 11 A.M. (accepted), and, with the

documents, pay the sum of \$3 for every page of the Specification and Bills of Lading, which have been prepared by the competent Surveyor.

C. M. MC

Office,  
one, 29th December. 1874. [61 2189  
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.  
Undersigned are prepared to GRANT  
POLICIES AGAINST FIRE to the  
sum of \$5,000 Dollars on Buildings or on  
contents therein, at Current Local Rates,  
and a Discount of 20 % on the premia.

gkong, January, 18

U. ROGERS, D.D.S.,  
DENTIST,  
No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

## How to Consider

S. S. PROVENCE.  
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PAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
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**FEES of Cargo per**  
**reby informed, the**

's Godowns, whence delivery may be  
 made from SUNDAY, the 3d inst., at noon.  
 The Landing will be consigned by the  
 remaining unclaimed after WED-  
 NESDAY, the 6th inst., at noon, will be sub-  
 ject to landing charges.  
 In witness whereof, I have hereunto set  
 my hand and the Seal of the  
 C. B. BERTLAND,  
 Principal Agent.  
 Hongkong, 2nd January, 1874.

NOTICE.  
 THE HONGKONG AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
 NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
 The Cargo, or "Golonza," has been landed  
 on the Company's Godown, opposite  
 Wharf, and Consignees are informed  
 to remain at their risk.  
 A. McIVER,  
 Superintendent.  
 Hongkong, 23rd December, 1874.

JOHN SHIP GALE COOK, FROM  
 NEW YORK AND SINGAPORE.  
 The Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
 vessel are hereby requested to send in  
 their order of Lading to the Undersigned, for  
 the purpose of Lading, and to take immediate deli-  
 very of Goods.  
 Impeding the discharge of the vessel  
 will be considered and stored at Consignees' Risk.  
 W. VOGEL, HAGERDORN & Co.,  
 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1874.

... to send in their

O. BERTRAND,  
Principal Agent.  
For "Donner," 2nd July, 1874.  
85 Cassin Hall.  
Long, 24th December, 1874.











## Extracts.

## AUTUMN THOUGHTS.

The autumn days are fading fast  
Into the winter's grey.  
The leaves are falling thick  
Where'er our footsteps stray.

The brightest flowers, whose varied forms  
Brought pleasure to the eye,  
Have vanished with the summer's sun—  
Like all things else, they die.

Yet was it life their fragrance sweet  
By many souls enjoyed;  
Their fragrant leaves have often helped  
To fill some anxious thought.

Like autumn tints we too must fade,  
And fall as they have fallen;  
Like forest leaves we fall and die,  
As summer flowers decay.

Death's winter sets its icy hand  
Upon life's autumn day,  
And freezes with its chilly breath  
The things we loved so long.

We know the forest leaves and flowers  
Will bloom again in spring;  
That winter's cold and dreary death  
Will melt for ever more.

But will the ferns we loved so well,  
Gone to the silent tomb,  
In some bright glorious region live  
Again to bloom and bloom?

Or have they passed for evermore,  
Exhausted in heart and soul,  
By memory of the death we love  
While yet on earth they were?

Be it our aim to make our lives,  
Each fleeting day and hour,  
Fragrant in memory and love,  
As is the summer flower.

E. Y. WHITTAKER.

## STRATEGY IN DOGS.

A rather amusing instance of reason in a dog has been narrated to me. The animal was a Newfoundland, and of a quiet disposition. There was, however, a much larger and quarrelsome dog of the same kind, who was frequently meeting "Lion," and taking every opportunity of molesting him. One day the big dog met him, and evidently bent upon a fight. Whereupon Lion, knowing that he was no match for his antagonist, ran out some distance off to a neighbouring manure-heap and rolled himself over and over in it until he was completely covered. He then went back to his enemy, challenged him, fought him and beat him thoroughly, and after that victory the big dog always gave Lion a wide berth—*Man and Beast*, by the Rev. J. G. Wood.

## THE KANGAROO.

That a kangaroo should be able to traverse the branches of a tree is so extraordinary a fact that many people refused to believe its possibility until positive proof was given of the animal by a living specimen of the species. The kangaroo was fitted with a large tree branch, such as is supplied to the leopards, and it was a very curious sight to watch the animal climbing about the boughs as lightly and securely as if it had been a squirrel. It retained many of the habits of its wild state, notably that of sitting motionless for long periods of time, and when moved to action, leaping about with astonishing quickness. I imagine that these habits tend to its preservation. The dark-brown colour of the fur bears a close resemblance to the hue of the branches that, even when the animal is in a cage, and the observer knows where to look, he will not at once discriminate between the tree and the animal. Its habits of stillness will, therefore, account for its preservation from the eyes of enemies, while its exceeding quickness and agility when in motion, will enable it to escape from almost any foe except man.—*Trepanners*, by the Rev. J. G. Wood, M.A.

## HOW THE DEVIL THREW THE RING.

As the head of the valley of Patzcuaro rises like a lofty mountain, which rises also from the Hinter-Patzcuaro, over five thousand feet above the level of the sea, at the junction of the valleys Montanosa and Undergaden. Southwards from this mountain runs the Imantilla, or Imantilla valley, about six miles long, and bordered by steep slopes towards the south, where the Imantilla reaches its base, which stretches in frozen grandeur down towards the valleys of Patzcuaro, Montanosa, and Engadina.

In the Imantilla lie beautiful rich meadows, together with the Teufelsplateau, a rock which has been very much spoken of. An iron ring of five hundred pounds is fastened into this rock, and it is said that the devil himself secured it in its present place. The legend goes that two peasants of Calidur had quarrelled several long years ago about a neighbouring meadow, and at last they agreed that the parish itself should decide to which of them the meadow really belonged. For the vast parish meadow really rounded the spot, and the question was decided that the two peasants who disputed the ownership of the meadow should throw a heavy iron ring, and he who threw the ring farthest should have the meadow, besides all the ground over which he could pitch the ring to gain this object, and the parish judge added, "If either of you fall in throwing the ring over the meadow, the meadow shall remain where the ring shall fall, and all that is left shall be added to the parish grounds; but also, wherever you can pitch the ring into the parish grounds, so far shall be yours."

Three days afterwards the trial took place. One of the two competitors was a man who knew more than other people, he was able to summon the devil himself, and as with his assistance he hoped to gain all the meadows in the valley, he made a compact with the Evil One. On the day of the trial all the villagers collected on the mountain, where they found an iron ring quite ready, but of five hundred pounds in weight. They thought the parish council, which the better for neither of them can throw this ring one foot from the spot, and the whole meadow will be ours."

New ones of the combatants tried to throw the ring, but could not even lift it from the ground. Then came the other, who, aided by the devil's own power, which the massive iron as easily as a feather, had been so long in getting, and he tossed it over the valley, as far as the opposite rock, into which it became so deeply imbedded that only a very little is to be seen of the iron.

The parish councilors scratched their ears in astonishment, while the victorious peasant, who had thus gained all the extensive meadow, which the devil himself had won, and with for him on the other side, close against all the extensive and rich parish meadows, laughed and danced with joy. But on the other side against the rock, a terrible voice was heard laughing too; and that laughter was anything but of this world, for it was the dread demon himself who laughed.

Shortly afterwards the rich peasant became more and more dejected; every one avoided him, and he avoided every one, and each succeeding year found him in a worse state of mind. Once a terrible storm broke out during the night, black clouds collected above the magnificent farm, which the peasant had built on the hillside, and a thunderbolt struck the farm and set it ablaze. When the neighbours ran to assist, they saw a gigantic demon fly out of the smoking, flaming ruins, holding the rich peasant by the neck, and dragging him, body and soul, to perdition.

On the following morning all the extensive meadow lay covered with stones and rocks, which during the storm had rolled down from the surrounding mountains, and as a memorial, the ring still remains in the rock, which since that time has borne the name of the Teufelsplateau. *After and Legends of the Tyrol*, by Madame de Comte de A. von Gumbler.

## AN EGYPTIAN MEDICAL TREATISE.

Among the printed works submitted to the Oriental Congress, was a remarkable treatise on medicine, written by the Egyptian doctor, Yacobi, who discovered, Professor Ebers, of Leipzig. This is a complete book from beginning to end, and in respect to size is only surpassed by the great Harris Papyrus in the British Museum. The manuscript is a perfect hand-book of Egyptian medical science; and, without possessing the medical science of our time, it is a most valuable source of information to the physician of our time. The physician of the Nile, this papyrus may yet afford the history of their science from its earliest dawn. A calendar on the back of the MS. informs us that it was written in the sixteenth century B.C. We know already that at this remote period Egypt was a medical and commercial relation with the neighbouring States of Western Asia; but the Ebers Papyrus touches us further that there already existed an interchange of thought and knowledge. Not only a vast number of medicines procured from Asia are alluded to, but we find also recipes borrowed from a celebrated physician of the town of Babylon in Phoenicia. The recipes are derived from older writings, as for instance, "The Book of the Wisdom of Manu,"—*London Medical Record*.

## PATIENT GERMAN PISCATOES.

We spent the remainder of the afternoon and the next morning at Beckenried. It is a pleasant place. There is the lake to be looked at, and to be turned to account for bathing, boating, and fishing. All the hotels have bathing-houses. There is the view across the lake, charming walks, and a great many excursions to be made by steamboat to places on the lake. As to the fishing, as you see people fishing, and as the hotels are supplied with fish, we must infer that there are fish that may be caught. But we have no reason for supposing that any in this part of the lake ever allow themselves to be caught; for all this afternoon and the following morning, we saw, on the terrace of our hotel, patient Germans watching their floats, but did not see anything come of their patient watching; nor do I suppose that they would have got anything by watching through other afternoons and mornings. As I looked at them I was reminded of the patient waiting and waited for the restoration of the Fatherland—patience worthy of the energy and determination they exhibited when the time came for action. I fancied that I saw in the patience of these unrequited anglers some of the honest pride that a great man has made himself. One can understand their feelings, but had not seen, had come at last; and when it had come they showed themselves not unequal to the supreme occasion. They had plenty to ruminate upon. At Beckenried, where the fishing was enough without the fish.—*Siens Allments*, by F. B. Zincke.

## POWER OF NEGRO ELOQUENCE.

I once attended a negro church service in Virginia, where a large chapel was filled with slaves of every age. One of their fellow-countrymen stood up on the platform, and in a calm and collected manner, and in a voice of power, he turned himself half round, and addressed the congregation. He had gradually brought the congregation to a certain level of emotion by his simple and pathetic tribute of affectionate regard for the deceased. When he had raised them to a sympathetic point, from which they would have easily subsided to a calmer feeling without his exclusive force on his part, he turned himself half round, and addressed the audience and uttered the simple words—"Jimmy lies down in grave." Could those matted words live? a classical scholar might ask. Yes, they did live, with a vitality and power that might well have astonished the prophet who saw the dry bones stir with animation. They filled the walls of the house as with a mighty rushing wind of human emotion, with sobs of sympathy and ejaculations of intense feeling. Half the audience rose to their feet, and several men and women waved their arms with uprolled eyes, as if swimming up to heaven in their ecstasy. "Jimmy lies down in grave" were the simple words through which he poured the truth, the truth that was the veins through which he transmitted three hundred human hearts with the vital fluid of the feeling which filled his own to this passionate outburst. How could they look in type! Who would read them with any interest above the general sentiment which the bare statement is calculated to inspire in their hearts, and isolated meaning, abstracted from every accessory surrounding circumstance that affected their utterance. No printed words could convey an idea of that outburst of feeling which forced itself into that simple exclamation, of the tremor of his voice, of the expression of his countenance, as the white tears ran down his black face. He stopped to the left edge of the platform as he half turned from the audience. He bent his form and placed a hand on each knee; he stretched out his neck as if to look over the sharp edge of the grave; for a silent moment he trembled from head to foot, in every joint, and in every hair of his head, then, in a voice tremulous with melting pathos, as if his tears were dropping upon the dead face of his departed friend, he sobbed out, "Jimmy lies down in grave!" Never did I hear before six words uttered with such a projectile force of feeling, or that produced such an effect upon an audience. *See Minutes Talk on All Sorts of Topics*, by Ellis Barr.

## LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates. **AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.** Agents, 47 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

## COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company's Fire Department, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current rates, subject to an immediate discount of Twenty per cent. **DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.** Agents, 11 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

## TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current rates, subject to an immediate discount of Twenty per cent. **DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.** Agents, 11 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

## CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the amount held by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund. **OLYMPIAN & Co.** Agents, 101 Hongkong, 17th April, 1873.

## INSURANCES.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates. **MELOCHERS & Co.** Agents, Royal Insurance Company, 1780 Hongkong, 28th October, 1874.

## THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current rates, subject to an immediate discount of Twenty per cent. **DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.** Agents, 11 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

## THE SWISS LLOYD'S TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current rates, subject to an immediate discount of Twenty per cent. **DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.** Agents, 11 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

## MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, Australia, and the East.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

## LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £10,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current rates, subject to an immediate discount of Twenty per cent. **DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.** Agents, 11 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

## NOTICE.

On and after this date the above Association will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-HUNDRED PER CENT. 33 1/3 on Local Risks only.

## BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at current rates.

## MARINE RISKS.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, Australia, and the East.

## FIRE RISKS.

Policies granted on First-class Buildings to an extent of £20,000.

## NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACT OF PARLIAMENT. Established 1809. CAPITAL—£2,000,000.

THE Underigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current rates, subject to an immediate discount of Twenty per cent.

On and after this date the above Company will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-HUNDRED PER CENT. 33 1/3 on Local Risks only.

SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES.

Not exceeding ten days, 1/2 of the annual rate. Not exceeding one month, 2/3 of the annual rate. Above one month, and not exceeding three months, 3/4 of the annual rate. Above three months, and not exceeding six months, 4/5 of the annual rate. Above six months, the full annual rate.

THE Underigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at current rates.

On and after this date the above Company will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-HUNDRED PER CENT. 33 1/3 on Local Risks only.

OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at current rates.

NOTICE.

On and after this date the above Company will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-HUNDRED PER CENT. 33 1/3 on Local Risks only.

CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at current rates.

NOTICE.

On and after this date the above Company will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-HUNDRED PER CENT. 33 1/3 on Local Risks only.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of premium will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG. AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, and Fuzhou.

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INSURANCES.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates. **HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.** Agents, 136 Hongkong, 18th October, 1874.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT INSURANCE OFFICE.

THE Underigned, in authorized to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers and Sailing Ships. **A. McVIE, Agent.** 14 Hongkong, 1st July, 1872.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST. A.D. 1720.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

Alfay, Span. str. 269, D. Lapraik & Co. P. M. S. S. Co.

Alaska, Brit. str. 1300, P. O. S. N. Co. S. N. Co.

Albatross, Brit. str. 875, S. N. Co. S. N. Co.

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INSURANCES.

POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHAS. H. MORGAN, Agent, 17 948 Hongkong, 18th June, 1874.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.

THE Underigned, in prepared to Grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £45,000 on First-class Risks.

A Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the Current Local Rates of Premium will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Office.

**T. G. LINTHARD.** Agent, Sun Fire Office, 1335 Hongkong, 28th August, 1874.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £40,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.** Agents, 17 Hongkong, 9th November, 1874.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 800,000 TAELS.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.

This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an interest dividend of 15% for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distribute among Policy holders annually, in equal shares, the profits of the Association. Business pro rata to amount of premium contributed.

**RUSSELL & Co.** Agents, 1059 Hongkong, 9th July, 1872.

SHIPPING IN THE CANTON WATERS.

STEAMERS.

Lintin, Brit. str. 69, Kwok Acheong.

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